

## From Duxbury to Hollywood:

### The Clipper visits Skyler Wright: making it in L.A.

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"Grease," the 1971 musical sensation, now has special ties to Duxbury. On January 31, millions of viewers across the nation tuned in to see Duxbury High School class of 2015 graduate Skyler Wright performing as the star Duxbury already knew she was in "Grease Live." Wright was one of only 20 women chosen by casting directors out of thousands of applicants. "Just that statistic alone makes me feel so honored to have been involved in such an incredible show," Wright said.

Her role as a high school student featured her in the foreground of several scenes, and she said her experience on set was amazing. "It was honestly like reliving my senior year of high school, but all of my classmates were celebrities, and we all had super cool outfits," Wright said. "It was hectic and exhausting, but in all of the best ways." In early September, when many of her classmates were moving into their new dorms as college freshmen, Wright flew cross-country to chase her dreams of becoming a star. Now in Los Angeles, she has been taking classes and auditioning often in order to make these dreams a reality. Just before she was cast in "Grease Live," Wright graduated from an improv class at the Upright Citizens Brigade, an organization founded by Saturday Night Live alum Amy Poehler in 1990. Wright first became interested in acting at age ten when she was named the lead of her first musical simply by chance. In "No One Will Marry A Princess With A Tree Growing Out of Their Head," she played the princess. "Ever since then, I've been knee-deep in theatre," she said. "I was never the kid who thought they were going to be a pop star, but ever since I had that tiny felt tree pinned to my head, I've never wanted anything more than to spend my life on stage or in front of the camera." In the Duxbury High School drama club, Wright found herself among equals and forged some of her strongest friendships. She fondly remembers each play she was a part of, but acknowledges that the 2014 production of "PROOF" stands out. Referencing this, she said: "I had never been trusted so much to give my all in a performance. It really felt like I was holding another person in my hands, and it was my job to bring it to life." Even though being cast in "Grease Live" is impressive in and of itself, it is not the only thing Wright can boast about in her short career. In 2014, Wright worked with John Travolta and Christopher Plummer in the crime flick "The Forger." She credits the movie as what confirmed for her that TV and film acting was what she wanted to pursue.



2015 DHS grad Skyler Wright is making it in Hollywood. She moved to L.A. after graduation and was recently in "Grease Live" on television.  
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"'The Forger' helped me realize that as long as there's a script in front of me, I'm happy. Theatre will always be my heart and soul, but I really discovered my passion for film when working on 'The Forger,'" she said.

Wright continues to be optimistic and looks forward to her future with excitement.

“All I want is to be happy doing what I love, and to treat everyone along the way with respect,” she said. “That’s what is most important to me.”



**In “Grease Live,” on Fox television, actor Skyler Wright of Duxbury played a high school student. Skyler is in the red dress at left. The show, which aired live in January, was seen by millions of viewers.**

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